



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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GAG, RED GROUPE, BLACK GROUPE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 15 UNTIL MARCH 15, 2001

NOAA Fisheries announces that from February 15 until March 15, each year beginning in 2001, the sale or purchase of gag, red grouper, or black grouper is prohibited, and no person aboard a vessel for which a valid Federal commercial permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued may possess these species in the Gulf regardless of where harvested. A person aboard a vessel for which the permit indicates both charter vessel/headboat for Gulf reef fish may continue to retain gag, red grouper, and black grouper under the recreational bag and possession limit, provided the vessel is operating as a charter vessel or headboat. Reef fish caught under the recreational bag limit may not be sold.

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